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...that it would be a good idea to take the Blue Family's heir as their own aide.
It is because of this unspoken agreement
that the Hashibe Family is inferior to the Manaka Family
YOU FAILED TO KILL MANAKA CHOUKO?!
Also—
BAM
That's when the Hashibe Family thought...
DAMNIT!
—THAT GIRL... JUST HOW FAR—

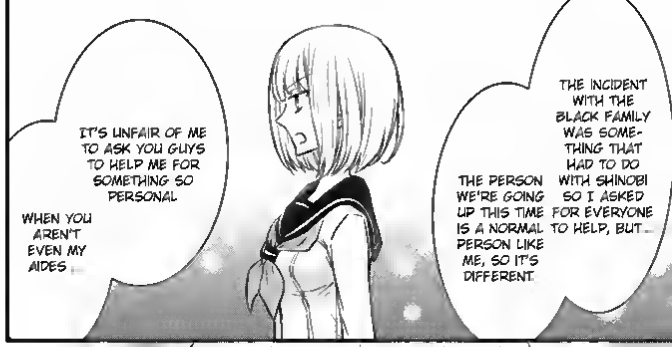
It's the "Hashibe Group"
Although the Manaka Family owns the biggest enterprise in Japan
there is one other group that can rival them.
"To be chosen by a powerful shinobi is also a way of showing the world your power."
They say it's because the Blue Family's head, rumored to be the strongest ninja,
has been working for the Manaka Family
The "Manaka" and "Hashibe" families have competed with each other over all kinds of things up until now
But in the last few years, the Manaka Family has been one step ahead

YO, PRINCESS
I KNEW YOU'D COME
YOU'RE HERE TO DISCUSS ABOUT CRUSHING THE HASHIBE FAMILY, RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT YOU GUYS TO LAY A FINGER ON THE HASHIBE FAMILY.
HUH?
IT SHOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE!
SINCE MEMBERS OF ALL FOUR COLOR CLANS ARE PRESENT,
IF THAT'S THE CASE I'VE COME UP WITH A BUNCH OF PLANS!
CHOUKO~
LOITER
LOITER
YOU'RE WRONG.

CHOUKO!!
CLATTER
1年い組
DID YOU COME HERE TO SEE ME?!
IF YOU HAD CALLED I COULD HAVE FLOWN OVER...
AH... I'M NOT HERE TO SEE YOU TODAY
IS SHOU-KUN HERE?
CRASH
PEEK

HM...
THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE INTERESTING.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS. I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
CHOUKO!
THAT'S WHY I WAS WONDERING IF THERE WAS ANY WAY IN WHICH I COULD COME INTO CONTACT WITH HASHIBE TOUSHIROU
That's all there was to say.

IT MIGHT BE PRETTY DIFFICULT FOR YOU, YOU KNOW?
SMIRK
THAT'S THE CHOUKO I KNOW.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR.


IT'S UNFAIR OF ME TO ASK YOU GUYS TO HELP ME FOR SOMETHING SO PERSONAL
WHEN YOU AREN'T EVEN MY AIDES...
THE PERSON WE'RE GOING UP THIS TIME IS A NORMAL PERSON LIKE ME, SO IT'S DIFFERENT.
THE INCIDENT WITH THE BLACK FAMILY WAS SOMETHING THAT HAD TO DO WITH SHINOBI SO I ASKED FOR EVERYONE TO HELP, BUT...

THE REVENGE FOR HURTING ONE OF MY FRIENDS...
.....
...IS SOMETHING I WILL DO PERSONALLY WITH MY OWN HANDS.

T/N: HE'S USING THE TERM MASTER AS IN MASTER-DISCIPLE RELATIONSHIP NOT MASTER-SLAVE)

SHAKE
UUUUU UUGH...
AH,
SHE'S JUST AN ORDINARY GIRL. MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE TOO HARD ON HER.
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A SHORT BREAK?
AN OPENING!
WHOOSH

YES MASTER!!
ANSWER!
HIS ONLY FLAW IS THAT HE GETS SO STUPIDLY FIRED UP WHEN HE HEARS THE WORD "TRAINING"...
I'll do my best
YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO!!
YOU WONT BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HASHIBE WITH JUST THIS!!
?!
SLAM
...?!

THINGS ARE GETTING INTERESTING!
WAVE
COME ON, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STAY FALLEN OVER?
COME AT ME FROM ANY DIRECTION!!
SMILE
I GET IT
BREATHE
AS EXPECTED OF THE MASTER RECOGNIZED BY MY BIG BROTHER
BREATHE
SHE PACKS A PRETTY STUBBORN PUNCH

SLIDE
HIT
UGH..!
Ouch
??
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I CAUGHT YOU BY SURPRISE... IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AFTER ALL--
IF YOU CAN'T MEASURE YOUR OPPONENT'S STRENGTH PROPERLY YOU WONT EVEN HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING
IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S A GAP BETWEEN OUR STRENGTH TO BEGIN WITH
Ah..
IS THAT SO...
JUST NOW...
I WAS SURPRISED WITH AN ATTACK BY AN ORDINARY PERSON.
IF SHE HAD BEEN A NINJA, I WOULD HAVE BEEN HIT FOR SURE
.....

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE TOSSED ME AROUND SO MUCH YET...
I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE BRUISE.
GULK
.....
.....
THERE'S NO MEANING TO IT IF I'M NOT THE ONE WHO DOES IT.
GRIND
GRIND
NAGUMO AKANE
IF YOU SO MUCH AS SCRATCH CHOUKO, I'LL KILL YOU.
HUH?
Of course
STARE
AKANE-KUN... HE WAS GOING SO EASY ON ME.
amazing

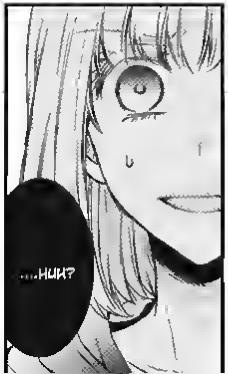
One more time!
You still have a long way to go!
AKANE-KUN
Yes.
HE'S SUCH A DEMONIC TEACHER THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO IMAGINE HIS USUAL GENTLEMANLY CHARACTER.
IF IT'S HASHIBE TOUSHIROU, I COULD HAVE BEAT HIM UP FOR YOU, YET...
LUMP
くったり

2 years ago
HEY! YOU!

ARE YOU TOUGOU UJOU?!

I'M HASHIBE TOUSHIROU
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY! I'VE DECIDED THAT I'LL LET YOU BE MY AIDE!

EXPLODE
THAT GUY INSULTED YOU, CHOUKO!


....HUH?

I'VE WANTED TO ASK YOU THIS FOR AWHILE,
BUT ARE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH HASHIBE TOUSHIROU?

I wanted to teach Chouko too...
SHAKE
HEY UJOU

UJOU...
I WONDER IF SOMETHING BAD HAP-PENED...?
IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO...

SHOCK
DEPRESS

HASHIBE TOUSHIROU... I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER

WHOOSH
ニュウウウウ
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TALKING ABOUT CHOUKO WITH THAT MOUTH OF YOURS A SECOND TIME.

HASHIBE TOUSHI-ROU...
WHY IS THIS GUY EVEN MAKING A LIST LIKE THAT.
to look it up
Never forgive never forgive never forgive
BOIL
BOIL
EVER SINCE THEN I'VE ADDED HIM TO MY LIST OF "PEOPLE WHO'VE INSULTED CHOUKO THAT I WILL ABSOLUTELY NEVER FORGIVE" LIST

I...
DECIDED 8 YEARS AGO THAT I WOULD BECOME CHOUKO'S AIDE.
!?
I REFUSE.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM!
OI! OI!! I'M THE HASHIBE GROUP'S SUCCESSOR, YOU KNOW?!
I CAN GIVE YOU PLENTY OF MONEY AND STATUS!

CRUSH
SHE'S NOTHING BUT AN ORDINARY, CONCEITED GIRL!!
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT HER!
CHOUKO...?
DO YOU MEAN MANAKA CHOUKO?!

NOISY CHATTER
HM?
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
IT'S BECOME PRETTY NOISY, HASN'T IT?
WHOOSH
CHATTER
THAT'S MANAKA'S...
WHY?
IT CAN'T BE...
MANAKA...?
SHOCK
WELL, WHICHEVER WAY...
WHAT HAPPENED THAT MADE HIM RESENT ME SO MUCH...?
I'VE ONLY MET THE HASHIBE FAMILY'S HEIR ONCE OR TWICE WHEN WE WERE YOUNG AT SOCIAL PARTIES
I'LL FACE HIM DIRECTLY AND END THINGS...!
CHATTER
CHATTER

WHA-!

I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE INVITATION
I NEVER SENT YOU AN INVITATION, MANAKA!
YES
HASHIBE-SAN
WHY ARE YOU AT MY PARTY?!

Hello ☆
TODAY I'M INTRUDING AS THE PARTNER TO THE HEAD RESEARCHER OF THE WHITE FAMILY'S PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY...

NOT ONLY TOUGOU UJOU, BUT THE WHITE FAMILY TOO...
GRIND
MANAKA CHOUKO...

MANAKA CHOUKO!

ISN'T THE GUY AT HER SIDE THE BLUE FAMILY'S SUCCESSOR?
SO THAT'S THE MANAKA FAMILY'S HEIRESS...!

Big brother do you want some?
CHOMP
I don't need any
CHOMP
THOSE ARE THE BROTHERS FROM THE RED FAMILY TOO

I'm sorry... I'm sorry...
SHAKE
It's okay it's okay
AND THAT OTHER KID... COULD HE BE THE BLACK FAMILY'S TREASURED CHILD?
THAT'S THE WHITE CLAN'S PRODIGY...
SHAKE

CHATTER
CHATTER
IT'S THE FOUR COLORS CLAN...

WOULD IT BOTHER YOU IF I TALKED ABOUT IT RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW?
WHY SHOULD I...!!
THE MATTER YOU REQUESTED OF THE BLACK FAMILY
?
?
!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE WITH ME FOR ONE SONG?
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT I'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU FOR AWHILE NOW
—HASHIBE-SAN
AN
THE MUSIC CHANGED INTO A WALTZ, SO...
SWALLOW
IS THIS ABOUT THE SUBSTITUTE HEAD BEING OVER-THROWN THE OTHER DAY?
WHISPER
BLACK FAMILY?
WHISPER
IS THE HASHIBE FAMILY INVOLVED IN THAT?
.....
I GET IT.
T(H
THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WITH—

Chouko
Just stay quiet
You're so good at cooking—
Chouko-chan!
What's with that kid
COULD YOU BE TALKING ABOUT THAT LITTLE KID YOU BROUGHT ALONG?
GLANCE
SO HE'S THE BLACK FAMILY'S KILLING DOLL...
I HEARD HE WAS A BRILLIANT ASSASSIN,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE BLACK FAMILY IS NOTHING SPECIAL
.....
GRIND
I... HAVE NO MEMORY OF DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE YOU RESENT ME
EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT, I DO.
HOW RARE...
HASHIBE AND MANAKA...
Oh my
ORDERING SUCH A LITTLE KID TO ASSASSINATE...
YOU HAVE QUITE REPREHENSIBLE TASTES, DON'T YOU?
LITTLE KID...?
...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
...I MUST THANK YOU
FOR THE SUPERB ASSASSIN YOU SENT MY WAY

FRIEND...?
FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT... YOU HURT MY FRIEND?!
...FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
APOLOGIZE!
I DID HEAR SOMETHING ABOUT TAKASU KURUMI GETTING WOUNDED...
AH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT,
WHY SHOULD I TO THE LIKES OF TAKASU...
TAKASU IS JUST—
GRIP
STAGGER
APOLOGIZE TO KURUMI-CHAN!!

UJOU?
YOU MIGHT THINK THAT THE MANAKA FAMILY HAS MORE POWER THAN THE HASHIBE FAMILY RIGHT NOW, BUT—
—THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE BLUE FAMILY'S HEAD, TOUGOU UKOU BY YOUR SIDE
IN NO WAY DOES IT MEAN THAT THE HASHIBE FAMILY IS INFERIOR
GIVE ME TOUGOU UJOU!
.....
WHEN I DO THAT, I'LL TAKE OVER THE MANAKA FAMILY RIGHT AWAY!
JUST WATCH ME.
CHOUKO...
CHEST TIGHTENS
THAT'S WHY THIS TIME, I'LL TAKE "TOUGOU UJOU" WITH MY OWN HANDS

But to fall just because your dance partner made a small mistake~
on your backside
!?
きゃるるん
I'm so sorry! Are you okay~?
I missed a step~~~
THE DISTINGUISHED SON OF THE HASHIBE FAMILY IS QUITE MEAGER, ISN'T HE?
CHUCKLE
TREMBLE
ARE YOU MAKING A FOOL OF ME...!!
Y...YOU-!!
!!
BLUSH
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

Huh?
FALL
PLONK
THUD
YOU...!
SWIP
JUST NOW, IT WAS ON PURPOSE!
OWWWW-WW!!

WHA-
GRAB
HUH
PULL
!
BAM

PLEASE WATCH.
SHOOK
.....
MANAKA-SAN SURPRISINGLY HAS QUITE THE TALENT FOR THE MARTIAL ARTS.
REACH
IT'S AL-RIGHT.

SUDDEN
HOW DARE YOU EMBAR-RASS ME...!!
HOW...

IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A MATCH WITH ME—
I'LL TAKE YOU ON ANY TIME
BUT IF YOU HURT MY FRIENDS—
WHA—
BRUSH
BRUSH
RAISING YOUR HAND TOWARDS A FRAIL GIRL—
ISN'T THAT EXTREMELY UNGENTLE-MANLY?

???
!?
WHOOSH
ウゥゥ
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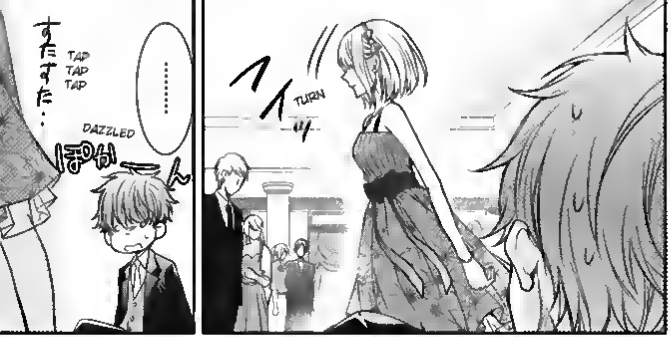
ガーン
CRASH
……
ALRIGHT?
CLENCH
HASHIBE-SAN
SHOCK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TAP TAP TAP
……
DAZZLED
ぽわーん
TURN

I feel re-freshed—!
Onee-chan, you're strong!
Choukochan, you were so cool~
Masmitsuya

THANKS!

BEEP
I'LL CRUSH YOU
UNTIL THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING LEFT, HASHIBE!!
!

HEHE...
にやっ
SMILE
HE'S ALWAYS SO NOISY I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG?
...? UJOU?
?!

SHINING
はぁはぁ
Ah!
GOOD WORK, MANAKA-SAN
Master! How did I do?!
...
.....
.....YEAH
IT WAS AN ADMIRINGLY PERFECT SHOULDER THROW!
THUMBS UP

CHOUKO...
SQUEEZE
WHA-!
WAI—! LET ME GO.!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT SINCE THEN
A MASTER SHOULD PROTECT HIS SUBORDINATES!
YOU'RE THE SAME CHOUKO I FIRST FELL IN LOVE WITH...
CHOUKO! I JUST FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL OVER AGAIN...
CHOUKO
SHOCK
?

CHOUKO ONEE-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
THREATENING ATMOSPHERE
...SOME-HOW

SIGH... THE THINGS UJOU DOES
THEY'RE BAD FOR MY HEART IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS
SO THAT MEANS

SUCH A HAPPY VOICE
WH-AT
WHAT SHOULD I DO, MY BODY ISN'T MOVING
I....

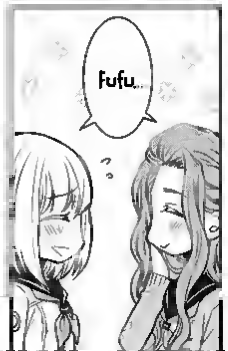
...YOU GUYS
PLEASE DON'T DO INDECENT THINGS TO MY PUPIL
I....!
CUT IT OUT, UJOU....
.....
KA-CHING
INTER-RUPTING MY TIME WITH CHOUKO.
YOU MUST HAVE SOME NERVE
FSSHHH

I WAS ABLE TO GET MY HANDS ON A NEW TYPE OF POISON, SO I SHOULD BE THE ONE THANKING YOU~
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
NO, THIS WAS SOMETHING WE DID OF OUR OWN VOLITION
EVERY-ONE TOO
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING OUT WITH EVERYTHING

TSUBAKI-KU WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU KURU-MI-CHAN.
Could you hear him out?
.....
THE ONE WHO HURT KURU-MI-CHAN IS THIS PERSON, TSUBAKI-KUN, BUT...
...ALSO, KURUMI-CHAN

I took care of it properly!
フフン！ HEHE
The revenge on the guy who hurt you, Hashibe Toushirou.

KURUMI-CHAN...
I'LL DISLIKE IT EVEN MORE IF YOU PUT YOUR-SELF IN DANGER, CHOUKO-SAN
WELL...
CHOUKO-SAN, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD OKAY?


fufu...

SOFT COUGH
BUT.....
I KIND OF WANTED TO SEE CHOUKO'S GAL-LANT FIGURE.

!
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE CHOUKO-SAN'S FRIEND, AREN'T YOU TSUBAKI-KUN?
IF THAT'S SO, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE MY FRIEND TOO?

thank you, Kurumi onee-chan!
WELL THEN
I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE, TSUBAKI-KUN
IS IT OKAY?
ABSO-LUTELY
BRIGHTEN

I'M VERY SORRY... FOR WOUNDING YOU
YOUR WOUND... IT HURT, DIDN'T IT?
REACH
?
SHOCK

IT'S OKAY IF YOU HIT ME SO
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...!
.....

I WON'T DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT
APOLOGIZING LIKE THIS IS ENOUGH, YOU KNOW?
...?

!!!?
I will become Chouko onee-chan's aide!
I... YOU KNOW, I...!
TWITCH
HUH....?!
SWIRL
CHOUKO ONEE-CHAN
ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS LITTLE BRAT IS MY RIVAL...?
HAHAH... STOP JOKING AROUND...

UMMM
STEP STEP STEP
HM?
THANK GOD
HEY CHOUKO ONEE-CHAN
I... WANTED TO SHOW YOU MY THANKS, CHOUKO ONEE-CHAN SO
WHAT'S THE MATTER TSUBAKI-KUN?
I DISCUSSED IT WITH MY MOTHER AS WELL,
AND SHE TOLD ME THAT I SHOULD DO WHAT I WANT TO DO
HM?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

!?
PLEASE DON'T TOUCH ME SO EASILY IF YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN OUTSIDER

Isubaki's Hierarchy
Chouko
Kurumi
Insects
PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH CHOUKO ONEE-CHAN ARE NOTHING BUT INSECTS.
AH!
SQUEEZE
?
CHOUKO ONEE-CHAN'S FRIENDS ARE MY FRIENDS

!?
Acquaintances?
I think?
hmm
...I SEE...

SMACK

ARE THESE PEOPLE YOUR FRIENDS?
HM?
FRIENDS... EVEN IF I SAY THAT I FEEL LIKE EACH OF THEM HAVE A DIFFERENT PERCEPTION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, SO FRIENDS DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT
FRIENDS...?
BUT I CAN'T CALL THEM STRANGERS EITHER, BECAUSE THEY'VE HELPED ME OUT NUMEROUS TIMES
AND I HAVEN'T CHOSEN ON ANY OF THEM AS MY AIDES YET...

*ED NOTE: BASICALLY THEY'RE ARGUING AND SCREAMING

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